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*The Sunday School children of the First Armenian Evangelical Church of Uruguay
presenting a Christmas play.*

SIX KEYS TO A STRONGER FAMILY

— Elizabeth Caraman(ian) Payne

One read, "I don't see how you ever lived through all that suffering, or how you are not insane, or at least maladjusted and disillusioned." This sentiment voiced the beliefs of those who felt we all are shaped solely by events.

The second read, "With such parents, I can see why you were able to take everything and to use your experiences as stepping stones of God."

As I look back upon my childhood, I find that my parents led us to God because that was the direction in which they themselves were going. In thinking about their lives, I see six ways they helped us develop spiritually—ways that parents today might find both helpful and challenging.

1. A special time was set aside each morning and evening for family worship. There was no exception, regardless of how many guests of different religions or nationalities were present in our home. "This is the time when we acknowledge God. We would appreciate your joining us," my father would say.

2. We also became aware of God through our parents' attitude toward the Bible. Both father and mother believed, with gratitude, that the Bible was God's Word. Therefore, it was a Holy Book. Also, it was the authority.

Our bedtime stories were all from the Bible. And the way my mother told them, I got the feeling that she not only knew Abraham and Isaac, Paul and Peter personally, but that they were living people, our very own friends.

3. Then, too, my parents showed their devotion to God through their way of living. In our village, we took to God a portion of whatever we raised.

"Go find the best melon, pick the apricots from the east tree, take the long-thread cotton, the soft, white wool," my parents would say.

As we walked to church with all sorts of bundles, I could almost hear my mother's and father's hearts say, "These are but a token of our appreciation of Thy great gift."

Thus I sensed my parents' giving to God was an expression of humility, joy and gratitude.

4. My parents considered it a privilege to worship God in His house. And so, although I resented our family spending so much time at church, nevertheless I was aware that my parents went to church because they felt the need, and that they cherished the fellowship of other believers. My father often was first to stand and pray during prayer meeting. His hearty, "Amen," after others prayed assured every hearer that he enjoyed prayer meetings.

5. My mother and father took a deep interest in others. My mother had come to our village as a bride wearing, as was the custom, several strings of gold coins about her neck, part of her dowry from my rich grandfather.

"But within less than a year, she did not have even one piece of gold left," said my elder aunt in a tone of reproach.

My mother had used the gold to buy young Christian men off from compulsory military service in the Turkish army.

My mother was always asking us to take some hot or cold food to some needy or sick person.

As for my father, he often went into the state capitol on behalf of widows, orphans and others in need. I could not even begin to list his services.

Above all, I became aware that my father and mother loved people because they loved God.

6. Example alone was enough for such tender souls as my sister. But I needed to be disciplined if I was to obey God's laws.

However much it contradicts today's theories about the evils of strictness, that which seemed harsh and unpleasant in my childhood was the source of strength in my later years. I have found life to be not a playground but a school.

My parents taught me self-restraint, self-discipline, self-giving. I am indebted to them for banning my self-expression at the expense of others, for I now know that fulfillment comes from God through self-denial. Such blessings never would have been mine if it had not been for parents who "knew Whom they believed and served."

AMAA SUNDAY AT THE IMMANUEL CHURCH OF DOWNEY, CA

Editor's Note: Early this year, our Field Director, the Rev. M.B. Janbazian, traveled twice to California and devoted seven weeks to visit with our supporting churches in the Los Angeles, Fresno and San Francisco areas. During his visitations, the Rev. Janbazian took part in the annual AMAA Sunday programs of our West Coast churches, preached mission emphasis sermons, gave special messages to Sunday School students, met with our pastors, AMAA Chapters and Mission Committees, as well as visited with many members and friends of the Association. Our Field Director also spoke at special luncheons and receptions, organized on the occasion of his visits, and presented the latest developments in the mission field, answered questions and made appeals for support of the worldwide outreach of the Association.

The following report, submitted by Mrs. Kay Zoolalian of Whittier, CA, gives a brief account of the successful AMAA



Immanuel Church Missionary Luncheon — left to right, first row: The Rev. Herald A.G. Hassessian; Mr. Nazar Y. Daghlion and Dr. G.H. Chopourian. Second row: Mr. Budd Kahian; Mr. Vahe Ashkarian; Mrs. Kaye Zoolalian and Mr. Jack Birebirian.

Sunday luncheon organized and served by the Missions Committee of the Immanuel Church in Downey, CA. A successful Mission Luncheon was held on Sunday, January 25, 1987 following the annual AMAA Sunday Service of the Immanuel Armenian Congregational Church (IACC) of Downey.

The Inspirational Corner

IF JESUS CAME TO YOUR HOUSE

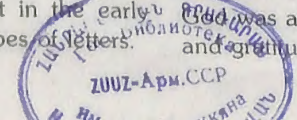
If Jesus came to your house to spend a day or two, If He came unexpectedly, I wonder what you'd do. Oh, I know you'd give your nicest room to such an honored Guest, And all the food you'd serve to Him would be the very best— And you would keep assuring Him you're glad to have Him there, That serving Him in your home is joy beyond compare! But when you saw Him coming, would you meet Him at the door, With arms outstretched in welcome to your Heavenly Visitor? Or would you have to change your clothes before you let Him in, Or hide some magazines and put the Bible where they'd been? Would you turn off the radio and hope He hadn't heard— And wish you hadn't uttered that last, loud hasty word? Would you hide your worldly music and put some hymn books out? Could you let Jesus walk right in, or would you rush about? And I wonder — if the Savior spent a day or two with you— Would you go right on doing the things you always do?

Would you keep right on saying the things you always say? Would life for you continue as it does from day to day? Would your family conversation keep up its usual pace? And would you find it hard each meal to say a table grace? Would you sing the songs you always sing and read the books you read? And let Him know the things on which your mind and spirit feed? Would you take Jesus with you everywhere you'd planned to go, Or would you, maybe, change your plans for just a day or so? Would you be glad to have Him meet your very closest friends, Or would you hope they'd stay away until His visit ends? Would you be glad to have Him stay forever on and on, Or would you sigh with great relief when He at last was gone? It might be interesting to know the things that you would do If Jesus came in person to spend some time with you.



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Outgoing officers of Immanuel Church Missions Committee, Mr. Budd Kahian (left), Treasurer, and Mr. Vahe Ashkarian, Chairman, with Mrs. Kay Zoolalian, the newly appointed chairperson.



The Rev. Mardiros and Mrs. Sirvart Marganian are presented with an AMAA Life Membership Plaque by Mr. Nazar Y. Daghljan and Dr. G.H. Chopourian.

CA. About 100 members and friends attended the event which took place in the Social Hall of the host Church. Mrs. Zoolalian, Chairperson of IACC Missions Committee, welcomed those in attendance as well as introduced the guests sitting at the head table: Mr. Nazar Y. Daghljan, President of AMAA; The Rev. Dr. G.H. Chopourian, AMAA Executive Director; The Rev. Moses B. Janbazian, AMAA Field Director; The Rev. Dr. Herald A.G. Hassessian; Mr. Steve Kradjian; Mrs. Violet Fermanian; and Honored Guest, Mr. Vahe Ashkarian, Past Chairman of IACC Missions Committee. In her opening remarks, Mrs. Zoolalian thanked Mrs. Gladys Vartanian, Grace Soukessian and Albert and Susie Antoyan for their generosity in sponsoring jointly the luncheon.

Rev. Janbazian presented an encouraging and inspiring report on AMAA's missionary work in the United States and overseas. Mr. Daghljan and the Rev. Chopourian presented a Life Membership plaque to the Rev. and Mrs. Mardiros Marganian. The Marganians, unfailingly faithful and generous supporters of the AMAA, have served the Immanuel Church for 15 years beginning in 1960.

Mr. Vahe Ashkarian, the immediate past Chairman of IACC Missions Committee, was presented with a special Certificate of Appreciation plaque. A former Board member of the AMAA and a generous supporter of AMAA's missionary cause, Mr. Ashkarian was recognized for his 22 years of devoted



The dedicated ladies who prepared and served the AMAA Sunday Luncheon.

services to the Association as the Chairman of IACC Missions Committee.

Mr. Steve Kradjian, Chairman of the IACC Council, presented some statistics on the status of Missions support of the Immanuel Church which ranks in the top two churches in the amount of gifts given in support of AMAA's missionary outreach.

Those in attendance at the luncheon were invited to join the Child Education Sponsorship Program of the AMAA. Eighteen children found sponsors at the luncheon and five additional children were sponsored the following Sunday. Mrs. Zoolalian announced that in Memory of their beloved Mother, Mrs. Beatrice Ashkarian, the Ashkarian, Fermanian and Manjikian families donated \$4,000.00 for the educational programs of the AMAA. During the preceding

AMAA Sunday worship service, a second offering was taken for the "Save Shahe" fund of the AMAA. The sum of \$1,053.00 was collected for this special purpose.

In summary, a total of \$8,159.58 was raised for AMAA's missionary work through the luncheon proceeds, sponsorship contributions, offerings and donations.

Before the conclusion of the program with the benediction of the Rev. Dr. Herald A.G. Hassessian, Mrs. Zoolalian thanked everyone who attended the luncheon and supported the work of the AMAA. Special appreciations were extended to Mrs. Queenie Kazarian and her devoted helpers who prepared and served the luncheon which provided a joyful opportunity to celebrate and support the unique mission of the AMAA.

THE CHRISTIAN OUTREACH OF THE AESSC

The Armenian Evangelical Social Service Center of Hollywood, CA (AESSC), one of the important Home Mission projects of the AMAA, is faithfully pursuing its mission to reach out to underprivileged and handicapped Armenian immigrants in the Los Angeles area. The following story, related in the latest report of the Director of AESSC, Mrs. Roseann Saliba, illustrates the noteworthy services that are being rendered to those who, because of many and serious difficulties, call upon the Center for guidance and practical assistance.

"The 49 year old husband of a couple familiar to the AESSC came to the Center in despair. He is chronically ill and unable to work. He has been able to collect disability and was insured through his work for one year. His wife, having had recent surgery, is disabled for six months and unable to work. She does not qualify for disability. His disability grant was exhausted in November and they have no income and no immediate family from which to borrow money. They have depleted their savings.



The dedicated volunteers and Board Members of the Armenian Social Service Center of Hollywood, CA.

"I felt I should be directly involved in this case and take immediate action. The Center assisted them in applying for permanent disability for the husband which will take approximately three to four months. In the meantime, I decided to help them try for some government cash assistance.

"On four occasions, each requiring 3-4

hours, I escorted the couple to the County Welfare Department where I assisted them in filing the required forms and acted as an interpreter since they are limited in English

"Finally, after hours of work and waiting in lines, we were able to get this couple emergency relief for six months or until she is able to return to work."

MERDINIAN SCHOOL STUDENTS WIN TOP AWARD

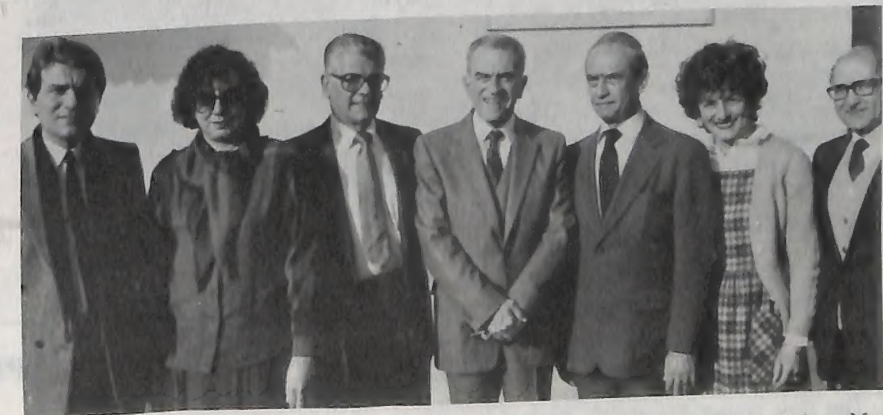
The Merdinian Armenian Evangelical School won the top award in an Armenian history contest held among six Armenian schools on March 8th at the St. Gregory Armenian Church's Agajanian Hall in Pasadena, CA.

The schools participating in the contest were: Arshag Dickranian School, Merdinian School, Mekhitarist School, Sahag-Mesrob School, St. Gregory School and St. Peters (M. Manoogian) School.

The contest was organized by the Nor Serount Cultural Association. Each school had six participants, five students and one judge.

The Merdinian School won first place, followed by the Mekhitarist School and the Sahag-Mesrob School.

The three students with the highest scores were: Shogher Kassarian (first place), Mardig Basteguan (second place)



AMAA Officers with Merdinian School Board Members — (l. to r.), Mr. Koko Balian, Mrs. Anahid Terjimanian, Mr. Herald DeMirjian, Mr. Nazar Y. Daghljan, Dr. G.H. Chopourian, Mrs. F. DeMirjian, and School Principal, Mr. Aram Boolghoorjian.

and Haig Boyajian (third place). All three are students at Merdinian School.

The Armenian Missionary Association of America is one of the founding organizations and major supporting agencies of the Merdinian School.

We congratulate our youngsters, their school principal, Mr. Aram Boolghoorjian, and faculty advisors, as well as the organizers of the contest for their commendable effort to preserve the history of our people.

A LIVING MEMORIAL HONORING DR. MEGUERDITCH EJDAHARIAN

How can you observe the anniversary of the death of a beloved one in a meaningful way? What can you do to perpetuate, as well as honor the memory of a departed family member or a friend? Memorial services may offer a brief moment of consolation, but they also revive memories and evoke sorrows. There is a meaningful way, a Christian way—A Living Memorial. And that was the way the Ejdaharian family chose to mark the 20th Anniversary of the passing away of their father, Dr. Meguerditch Ejdaharian. Early this year, Mother Elise Ejdaharian and her daughter, Ardemis, made a contribution of \$20,000.00 to the AMAA and established the Dr. Meguerditch Ejdaharian Memorial Fund, the annual income of which will be used to assist in the training of nurses, medical doctors and students specializing in health care services. In providing the generous donation, Miss Ejdaharian said, "We are establishing this fund as a Living Memorial in honor of my father, and we will be comforted to know that his medical services will continue through the work of those who will be assisted from the income of this fund."

Dr. Meguerditch Ejdaharian was born in 1883 in Arabkir. He was raised by an uncle after losing his parents at an early age. His life story is a tribute to his determination to overcome the difficulties common of the life of an orphan and become a useful person in society. He graduated from the Medical School of the



Dr. Meguerditch Ejdaharian

French University of Beirut, Lebanon, after which he held positions and practiced in Damascus, Deortyol, the Turkish Army, Beirut, Alexandria and Gaza. He finally settled in Tripoli, Lebanon where in 1967, he made the transition from this life to life eternal.

Dr. Ejdaharian was an intelligent, yet humble and caring person sincerely loved and respected by his friends, colleagues and patients. He left a previous legacy of generosity, loving concerns, and humility which is so clearly reflected in the lives of his surviving family members: his wife, Elise; son, Haig and family; and daughters, Ardemis and Mrs. Araxie Karamanougian and family. A third daughter, Armine Bilezikjian, died of cancer in 1985 at age 56.



Mr. Nazar Y. Daghljan presenting AMAA life Membership Plaque to Mrs. Elise Ejdaharian.



Dr. G.H. Chopourian with Miss Ardemis Ejdaharian

THE REV. ROGER MINASSIAN'S CAMPUS MINISTRY

The Rev. Roger Minassian, pastor of The Pilgrim Armenian Congregational Church in Fresno, California has extended his ministry beyond his congregation by organizing a chapter of Alpha Gamma Omega (AGO), a Christian Fraternity, at California State University, Fresno. According to Rev. Minassian, (AGO) is a unique social fraternity, because it stresses the spiritual and emotional development

of its members.

Alpha Gamma Omega Chapters have an "unwritten policy" of no beer and no dancing at parties, forcing members to think of different ways to have a good time. AGOs hold theme parties in place of the standard college beer bash. They participate in many kinds of intramural sports and do more community service than other fraternities. Most chapters hold

weekly prayer and Bible study meetings which are open to the other fraternities and sororities.

The Rev. Minassian, an Alumnus of AGO, regards Alpha Gamma Omega as "The Fraternity of Eternity". One of every four Alumni of the group is dedicated to full-time Christian Service and the rest are devoted Christian laymen giving strength to Christ's Church.

ARMENIANS IN LEBANON: A FORGOTTEN MINORITY

Editor's Note: The following article is the condensed form of a news story carried on by the Associated Press on May 12, 1987. The article is written by Samir F. Ghattas, an Associated Press journalist who describes the Armenians in Lebanon as a forgotten minority, "caught between warring militias and victimized by a worsening economic crisis".

Stateless Armenians, a forgotten minority buffeted by Lebanon's 12 year civil war, are staying on, although caught between warring Christian and Moslem militias and victimized by a worsening economic crisis.

Some 20,000 Armenians have left Lebanon since the civil war broke out on April 13, 1975, and devastated the country's once-booming economy. But the majority have remained.

Most consider Lebanon their adopted home after their forefathers fled their native land in what is now Turkey.

Armenians found opportunity in Lebanon as a center of Middle East commerce before the bloodshed began and became a political factor in Lebanon's sectarian system.

They have six deputies in the 99 member Parliament and occasionally get a Cabinet post.

As estimated, seven million Armenians are scattered worldwide. Some three million live in the Soviet Republic of Armenia, a segment of their original homeland, and a million and a half more in other Soviet regions. The largest communities elsewhere are 600,000 in the United States, 400,000 in France and about 200,000 each in Lebanon and Iran.

Lebanon's 200,000 Armenians are the country's seventh largest religious community. The Orthodox Christian Armenians have their own churches, seminaries and schools, clubs, restaurants, and Red Cross relief. Armenians work in trade, shoemaking, leather tanning, industry and goldsmithing.

Beirut has three Armenian-language newspapers and three FM radio stations.

The Armenians have small militias to defend their areas, but have remained generally neutral in the conflict between Moslems and Lebanese Christians, who

are mainly Maronites.

That has not spared them from the blood-letting or harassment by Moslem and Christian factions. About 500 of the estimated 125,000 people killed in the civil war were Armenians.

An Armenian religious leader, who has lived in Lebanon since his teens, said in an interview that "the majority of the people here are determined to stay."

Some had lived in Moslem west Beirut, cockpit of much of the violence, but most have fled. They were not encouraged to stay there.

Moslem extremists harassed the Armenians because they considered them to

be more inclined to the Christians rather than the Moslem side.

The Armenians have been troubled by rightist Christian militias who are not very happy about the Armenians not being engaged in the war. They want the Armenians to be on their side in the fighting.

The Bourj Hammoud district, part of the Christian heartland that runs from the capital, is Lebanon's largest Armenian concentration. Other Armenians live in the northern Moslem city of Tripoli, the Christian town of Zahle and the village of Anjar in the Syrian-controlled Bekaa valley of east Lebanon.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION PLANS FOR SUMMER CAMPS



As the summer season draws nearer, we would like to invite our members and friends to join us in praying for the Armenian Evangelical Christian Endeavor Union of Syria and Lebanon (AECEU) which is making plans for its 1987 Summer Camp Program. Hundreds of youth of different age groups benefit from the summer camp activities of the AECEU which are held at the Kchag Centers of Beit Meri, Lebanon and Kessab, Syria. Included in the Summer Camp Program of the AECEU are special sessions for adolescents, Sunday School teachers, C.E. youth as well as undernourished children.

As in previous years, this year, too, the AMAA is helping in the operation of the Programs of the AECEU. The total outlay the Association provides is close to \$27,000 which includes special grants towards the salary of an editor; the publication of *Chanasser* and *Badanegan Artzakank*; the salary of Mr. Mgo Melkonian, C.E. Youth Director of Syria; Daily Vacation Bible Schools; and summer camps.

Pictured above are camp leaders with a group of undernourished children who have benefitted from the AECEU Summer Camp Program in 1986.

UPDATE ON SHAHE

Our gratitude to those churches, Sunday schools, youth groups and AMAA members and friends who promptly responded to our appeal and came to the aid of Shahe. The total amount of contributions received for Shahe's surgery expenses was about \$12,000.

The total cost of exams, tests and surgeries ran up to \$20,000. The Rev. Barkev Darakjian, Pastor of the Armenian Evangelical Church of Chicago, IL, is attempting to reduce that amount by appealing to the University of Illinois Medical Hospital where Shahe's surgeries were performed.

Shahe's Eye Surgery Fund Financial Statement

Total contributions received by AMAA	\$12,000.00
Expenses by Harry Papazian:	
Travel expenses (Chicago-Boston)	
of 3 family members	\$437.25
Hotel, 2 nights	102.46
Medical examination, tests in Boston	705.00
	1,244.71
Travel expenses (Boston-Chicago) for 3	416.50
University of Illinois Medical Hospital	1,125.00
	2,786.21
	\$9,213.79
Expenses of Doctors:	
University of Illinois Medical Service Plan	
for Doctor's Fees	7,646.00
	\$1,567.79
Balance distributed to University of Illinois	
Medical Hospital	1,567.79

LETTERS . . .

Joining the "Pilgrimage of Thought"

I enjoyed your editorial "Our Annual Pilgrimage" in April 1987 AMAA NEWS. I, too, am outraged that the 1915 genocide has gone unacknowledged for so long.

I am a second generation American/Armenian and I'm just as upset as the ones who were there! For example, my grandfather, Harootyan Ersylian (later changed to Esralian) lost a wife and daughter to the

"murderers".

The enclosed articles appeared in the "Oregonian" (Oregon's largest newspaper) on "Armenian Day", April 24th. I hope you enjoy these as much as I have.

I will join you in this "pilgrimage of thought" every year.

Keep up the good work and God bless you.

Michael J. Esralian
Aloha, Oregon

THE REV. VARTAN HARTUNIAN HONORED AT NAASR RECEPTION



The Rev. Vartan Hartunian

The Rev. Vartan Hartunian, Pastor of the First Armenian Church of Belmont, MA, was honored at a special reception on April 3 on the occasion of the publication of the second edition of his father's book, *Neither to Laugh Nor to Weep*.

The book describes the late Rev. Abraham Hartunian's survival through three massacres in Turkey (1894-96, 1915 and 1922) and his miraculous escape from death on seven different occasions. The memoirs was translated into English by Rev. Vartan Hartunian in the late 1930s, but remained unpublished for three decades.

Speaking at the reception, organized by the National Association for Armenian Studies and Research (NAASR), the Rev. Hartunian recounted the obstacles he had to overcome in order to have his father's memoirs published. The manuscript was rejected by several publishers before Beacon Press agreed to print it in 1968.

Although the book was reprinted by the Armenian Missionary Association of America in 1976, it was out of print for several years. Recently, NAASR released a second expanded edition of the book which is regarded as one most revealing accounts about the Armenian Genocide.

The new expanded edition of, *Neither to Laugh Nor to Weep*, includes an in-

troduction by Marjorie Housepian Dobkins, author and dean at Barnard College, Columbia University, who had come from New York for the reception. The new edition also includes, as a preface, an article written in 1918 by the late Henry Morgenthau, the U.S. Ambassador to Turkey during World War I.

The book may be obtained from the AMAA Headquarters at \$9.95, plus \$1.50 for postage and handling per copy. Place your order by writing or phoning:
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LUCY JANJIGIAN EXHIBITS RECENT WORKS



Left to right: The Rev. Dr. G.H. Chopourian, Artist Lucy Janjigian, Mrs. Yeprouhie Chopourian, Archbishop Torkom Manoogian and Mr. Edward Janjigian.

Lucy Janjigian of Franklin Lakes, N.J., exhibited her recent twenty paintings in a one person show at the Treasury Gallery of the Inter-Church Center in New York City. The exhibit, entitled, "The Uprooted," ran from March 23 through April 17, 1987. The theme running through the displays brought tears to Armenian and non-Armenian alike for it showed tragedies caused by man's inhumanity to man.

The Rev. Don Smith, head of the Presbyterian Synod of California and Hawaii, asked for slides of the art work to be shown in different churches for fund raising for refugees. The United Nations is also in contact with Lucy for the same purpose.

THE FIRST ARMENIAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF URUGUAY



Thanks to the devoted labors of its lay leaders and recently ordained pastor, the Rev. Dr. Obed Boyadjian, the First Armenian Evangelical Church of Uruguay is showing encouraging signs of commitment and growth in its ministry. The Chairman of the Church Council, Mr. Loutfi Kouyoumdjian, reports that Church members are responding to stewardship challenges with enthusiasm, and the Sunday School is taking an important and visible part in the programs and activities of the Church. The picture above shows the Sunday School children of The First Armenian Church of Uruguay presenting a Christmas play.

DR. H. PHILIP HOVNANIAN RECOGNIZED BY FOOD AND DRUG ADMINISTRATION



Dr. H. Philip Hovnanian

H. Philip Hovnanian, Ph.D., a member of the Board of the AMAA, was recently awarded with a special Certificate of Appreciation by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) of the Department of Health and Human Services. Dr. Hovnanian was recognized for his outstanding service to FDA and for his valuable guidance and efforts during his term as the Industry Representative of the Obstetrics-Gynecology Devices Panel. Dr. Hovnanian, a Biomedical Devices Consultant, is a highly respected scientist in the field of his specialization, having previously served as Vice President of several medical companies.

Dr. Hovnanian is an active participant in the life and work of the AMAA, serving as a member of the Board, the Executive, Investment, Budget-Finance and Nominating Committees, as well as the Chairman of the Haigazian College

Eastern Committee. He is also active in the Armenian Evangelical Church of New York, NY, where he is currently serving as the Moderator of the Church.

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Ֆուլլըր Աստուածաբանական Ճեմարանի դասախոսներէն՝ Դոկտ. Ժիլի Կորմըն, Theology, News and Notes ամսագրի Մարտ 1987 թիւին մէջ հրատարակած է յօդուած մը, որուն մէջ Ամերիկայի մանուկներուն մասին հետեւեալ վիճակագրական տեղեկութիւնները կը գտնենք:

—1985ին, ամուսնալուծուած ծնողներու զաւակներուն
ընդհանուր թիւն էր 14 միլիոն.

—Անցնող 15 տարիներուն, 16.3 միլիոն մանուկներ ապրած են իրենց ամուսնալուծուած ծնողներէն մէկուն կամ միւսին հետ միայն:

—Միջին հաշուով, օրական 1300 մանուկներ խորթ մայրերու եւ կամ խորթ հայրերու «զաւակներ» կը դառնան.

—Այս տարի, չուրջ 1-2 միլիոն մանուկներ պիտի խոշտանբուին իրենց ծնողքին կամ ազգականներէն մէկուն կողմէ.

—Մանուկներ, միջին հաշուով օրական 4 ժամ հեռատեսիլի կը նային եւ 18 տարեկան չեղած՝ արդէն դիտած կ'ըլլան ոճիւրներ ներկայացնող 18,000 տեսարաններ:

—Անձնասպանութիւն փորձող 15 տարեկանէն վաղ մանուկներու թիւը եռապատկուած է 1960էն ի վեր:

—Միջնակարգը չաւարտած աշակերտներուն 33 աւ
հարիւրը՝ փորձած կ'ըլլան ոգելից ըմպելի, իսկ 16 աւ
հարիւրը՝ «մարիուանա» թմրեցուցիչը:

Չոր ու յետակ թուանշաններով ներկայացուած այժմիկ հաղորդական տեղեկութիւնները կը մատնանշեն այնչափելի վտանգները, որոնց տեսապէս ենթակայ եմք ընտանիքներն ու զաւակները:

Այս վախազդու վիճակագրութիւնը նա'եւ ցոյ

կուտայ, թէ մեր մայրերն ու հայրերը որքա՛ն
լրջութեամբ մօտենալու են իրենց զաւակներուն կրթու-
թեան հարցին, եւ որքան աշխուրջ հսկելու են իրենց
ընտանիքներուն անխաթար պահպանումին:

Արդարեւ, բազմաթիւ ու բազմազան են այն փորձութիւններն ու ճնշումները, որոնք կը սպառնան ջլատել մեր ընտանեկան բոյներուն կառոյցը եւ կործանել մեր զաւակներուն կեանքը: Եւ իրապաշտ ըլլալու համար պէտք է ըսել, թէ դիւրին միջոցներ չկան պաշտանելու մեր ընտանիքներն ու զաւակները: Մեր մարդկային գիտութիւնով, իմաստութեամբ ու կարողութիւններով կարելի չէ յաղթահարել այն բոլոր դժուարութիւնները զորս կը դիմադրաւենք որպէս հայրեր ու մայրեր: Հոգեբոյժներու, խորհրդատուներու եւ մանկավարժներու մեզի ընծայելիք օգնութիւնն ալ սահմանափակ է: Առնել կրնան որոշ չափով մեզի օգտակար ըլլալ բացատրելով մեր հարցերը եւ առաջնորդելով մեզ ընդունելու զանոնք որպէս արդի բնկերութեան մէջ բնական երեւոյթներ:

Մեր զաւակներուն ու ընտանեկան կեանքին մէջ ցցուող վհատեցուցիչ դժուարութիւններուն դիմաց, Աստուծոյ առաջնորդութիւնը ու օգնութիւնը կը մնայ մեր միակ յոյսը: Երբ խոնարհաբար ընդունինք մեր մարդկային կարողութիւններուն ու իմաստութեան սահմանափակ ըլլալը, եւ հաւատքով յանձնենք մեր անձերը ընտանիքներն ու զաւակները Աստուծոյ ու Անոր խօսքի առաջնորդութեան, կրնանք Առաքեալին նման ըսել՝ «Ամէն կողմանէ վշտացած եմ, բայց նեղը ինկած չեմ կարօտեալ եմ, բայց յուսահատած չեմ. . . վար ձգուած եմ բայց կորսուած չեմ. . . որովհետեւ, ամէն բանի կարող եմ ամով՝ որ զիս գորացուց:»

Մ. Պ. Ժ.

U. A. 7

**ՍՈՒՐԻՈՅ ԵՒ ԼԻԲԱՆԱՆԻՆ ՀԱՅ ԱՒԵՏ. ԱՌԱՋՆՈՐԴՆԵՐՈՒ
ՀԱՄԱԳՈՒՄԱՐԸ ՊԻՔՏԱՅԱՅԻ ՄԷՋ**

Մերձաւոր Արեւելքի Հայ Աւետարանական Եկեղեցիներու ժամանակակից պատմութեան մէջ յիշատակի դէպք մը պատահեցաւ Մարտ 16-18 օրերուն, երբ Միութեան տարբեր դաշտերէն 38 հոգինոց խումբ հաւաքուեցաւ Պիքֆայայի Լա Յոնտասիոն հիւրանոց մէջ եւ երկու լման օրեր սրտբացօրէն գաղափարներ փոխանակութիւններ ունեցան եւ Մերձ. Արեւելքի Հայ Աւետ. Եկեղեցիներու կեանքին ու ծառայութեան գրեթէ բոլոր մարզերուն մասին: Իր նախընթացը չունեցող սահաբանութիւն գեկոյցներ տրուեցան չըլանի Հայ Աւետ. Եկեղեցիներուն, պարօցներուն, բնկերայիի ծառայ. թիւններուն եւ հրատարակութեանց շուրջ: Խորհրդակցութիւն կատարուեցաւ նաեւ երիտասարդներու, առաջնորդներու հետ:

նորդներու պատրաստութեան, Միութեան Սահմանադրութեան, ինչպէս նաեւ Հաղորդական Անդամակցութեան վերաբերող հարցերու մասին: Քանի Համագումարը չունէր Սահմանադրական իրաւասութիւն ու պարտաւորութիւն, կատարուած խորհրդակցութիւններուն արդիւնքը պիտի սերտուի ու արժեւորուի Միութեան Կեդրոնական Մարմինին կողմէ:

Պէտրուժի Հայ Աւետ․ Եկեղեցիի ԼՐԱՏՈՒԻՆ Համաձայն, մասնակցողներու յիշողութեան մէջ անջինջ պիտի մնայ այս հաւաքը իր անկիւնադարձային կարեւորութեամբ, մանաւանդ երբ աշխարհի բոլոր Հայ Աւետարանականները իրենց աչքերը յառած կը սպասեն Հայ Աւետեկեղեցիին Հիմնադրութեան Հարիւր-յիսունամեակին

ՊԷՅՐՈՒԹԻ ՀԱՅ ԱԻԵՏ. ԵԿԵՂԵՑԻՆԵՐԸ ՄԻԱՑԵԱԼ
ՊԱՇՏԱՄՈՒՆՔՈՎ Կ'ՈԳԵԿՈՉԵՆ ՄԵՐ ՆԱՀԱՏԱԿՆԵՐԸ

Պէյրուժի Հայ Աւետարանական Եկեղեցիները այս տարի ալ միացեալ պաշտամունքով ոգեկոչեցին Մեծ Եղեռնի մեր նահատակներուն խնկելի յիշատակը։ Աւանդական դարձած Յիշատակի Միացեալ Պաշտամունքը տեղի ունեցաւ էշրէֆիէի Հայ Աւետ. Եկեղեցիին մէջ, 24 Ապրիլ, Ուրբաթ առտու ժամը 10:00ին։ Արեւելեան Պէյրուժի Հայ Աւետ. Եկեղեցիներու ժողովուրդէն խուռներամ բազմութիւն մը ներկայ եղաւ պաշտամունքին։

Շրջանի Հայ Աւետ. Հովիւներուն նախաձեռնութեամբ գործադրուած այս պաշտամունքը վարեց Պատ. Գրիգոր Եոմովուչագեան եւ պատգամաբերն էր Վեր. Յովն Գարճեան: Անոր պատգամին նիւթն էր վրէժի աստուածային ոճը: «Վրէժխնդրութիւնը իմ է» ըսող Աստուծոյ կը լուծէ Սեծ Եղեռնի վրէժը. . . Իր ոճով, եզրակացուցան: Պատ. Մկրտիչ Գարակէօգեան կատարեց Հաստուածներու ընթերցումը, Վեր. Աբրահամ Սարգիսեան՝ Հովուական Ազօթքը եւ Վեր. Յակոբ Սաղըրեան արտասանեց Առաքելական Օրհնութիւնը:

Նոյն օրը ժամը 4:00ին, Հայ Աւետ. Ա. Եկեղեցիին մէջ, գործադրուեցաւ յայտագիր մը արեւմտեան Պէյրութի մեր ժողովուրդին համար:

Վեր. Յովհ.: Գարձեանի բացման խոսքին եւ արդարեւ
ետը, Հայ Աւետ. Գոյէճի Նախակրթարանի բաժինի աշա-
կերտները կատարեցին խմբային արտասանութիւն մը,
եւ երկրորդական բաժինի աշակերտ՝ Շահէ Շնորհօբեան
կարդաց ինքնատիպ գրութիւն մը օրուան խորհուրդին
յատուկ:

Առաջարկելով տարրուան 365 օրերը 24 ժամը
կել մեր օրացոյցներուն վրայ, Դոկու. վահէ Տարագ-
ճեան, օրուան բանախօսը, չէշտեց մեր դատը հետապն-
դելու հրամայականը, յարութեան, վերածնունդի եւ
է. միաճանութեան հոգիով:

Օր. Լիւսի Տէր Կարապետեան ապրումով կարգաց ծագ
Յակոբեանէն կտոր մը՝ «Ձեներ Նահանջեր»։ Յայտադիրը
վերջ գտաւ վեր. Գարճեանի փակման խօսքով եւ Առաքե-
լեան Ողջնութեամբ։

ԼՐԱՏՈՒ, ՊԵՅՐՈՒԹԻ ՀԱՅ ԱԻԵՏ. Ա. ԵԳԵՆՅԱՆ

ԻՐԱՆԻ ՀԱՅ ԱԻԵՏ2. ՄԻՈՒԹԵԱՆ ԸՆԴՀԱՆՈՒՐ ԺՈՂՈՎԸ

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Նոր վարչական կազմ մը ընտրուելու համար առաջարկուած անձերէն, դադարնի քուէարկութեամբ, երկու տարուայ ժամանակաշրջանի համար ընտրուեցան հետեւեալները.՝ Պր. Արրահամ Յովասափեան, Տիկ. Արշալոյս Սաֆարեան, Պր. Վարուժ Գալստեան, պր. Մանասազ Թովմասեան, Տիկ. Սեդա Շահումեան, պր. Սէմ Յովասափեան, Սեդա Շահվերդեան:

Նորընտիր վարչութիւնը իր առաջին նիստը գումարեց Մարտ 5ին: Միութեան Նախագահ ընտրուեցաւ՝ պր. Աբրահամ Յովսէփեան, իսկ Գարտուղար-Գանձապահ՝ վարչ. Գալստեան:

Աստուծոյ օրհնութիւնը անպակաս ըլլայ Իրանի մեր
Աւետարանչական Միութեան կեանքէն ու գործէն:

Մուսա Տաղի Ապստամբութիւնը կազմակերպող ու առաջնորդող ընդհանուր վարչական մարմնի ատենապետութիւնը: Այդ պատճառով, իր այս գրեթէ կը ներկայացնէ վաւերագրական արժէք ունեցող վկայութիւն մը Մուսա Լեւոս 40 Օրերու մասին: Գին՝ 3.00 տողար, 1.50 տողար առաքման ծախս:

Տիկ. Զարուհի Անդրեասեանի նուիրատուութեամբ
Գիրքերէն եկած հատոյթը պիտի յատկացուի Հայ Աւե-
տարանչական Ընկերակցութեան:

Ստանալու համար դիմել՝
AMAA, 140 Forest Ave., Paramus, N.J. 07652

ԹԱՆԿԱՐՈՋԷՐ ԳԻՐԲ ՄԸ . . .
ԶԷՅԹՈՒՆՆԵՐ ՏԱՐԱԳՐՈՒԹԻՒՆԸ ԵՒ ՍՈՒԷՏՈՒՅ
ԱՊՍՏՍՄԲՈՒԹԻՒՆԸ

Հեղինակ՝ Վեր. Տիգրան Անգղիանյան
բաղկացած այս գրքովը, կը ներկայացնէ Հայ ժողո-
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IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A WILL...

Mr. M. felt good about having his will written. He tucked it safely away in his bank box, breathed a contented sigh, and never thought about it again.

He had provided for his wife, his son, and his favorite charity, feeling that the amount he had designated for each would be appropriate. He provided the necessary resources to see his family through adjustments, supply income for his wife, and a healthy boost to the charity, which was the residual beneficiary also.

During the next twenty years, Mr. M. prospered far more than he had expected. His estate grew, through fortunate investments and an inheritance from his uncle.

When Mr. M. died, his astonished wife and son learned that she was to receive \$15,000 of the estate, the son \$5,000, and another \$5,000, plus the residue to the charity... \$150,000!

By contesting the will, the wife and son were able to equalize the bequests; however, the process was lengthy and cost them considerably in expense as well as frustration and time.

If Mr. M. had reviewed his will even once during those twenty years, he would have seen immediately that a new will was called for... but he never thought to do so.

Reports indicate that more than half the adults who die in America each year do not have wills. And of those who do, most should have updated their wills at some point.

Here are a few of the reasons a will might need changing:

1) A move to a new state of residence. State laws govern the distribution of estates, and these laws vary from state to state. If you move to another state, be sure to have an attorney in your new state review your will to be sure it complies with the law there.

2) A death in the family, or birth, or marriage. Any change in the family membership should call for a review of your will, to be sure that you have included all the heirs you intend to, and that any bequest for a deceased member is covered by the proper clause. Married names of daughters, nieces, sisters should be given.

3) An inheritance. Your will should reflect the new addition to your estate, and if you feel the property should revert back to your side of the family (rather than to a spouse) after your death, this should be designated in your will.

4) A change in your giving interests. Through the years significant changes do occur in our values, in our personal involvement in charitable causes of many kinds... and certainly many people grow in their commitment to Christ and the Great Commission. You may find that a will written many years ago is inadequate because it does not include a bequest for missions, if this is one of your lifetime concerns.

Remember that "your last will and testament" doesn't have to be your **final** one. Wills can be rewritten or amended at any time. A new will, properly signed, witnessed and dated, replaces any previous will.

WE'RE ASKING FOR YOUR FINAL GIFT TO MISSIONS!

Your final gift? Yes, that gift which you can plan **now** and give **later**—through a bequest in your will. (Of course, we trust you'll want to continue giving in the meantime, too!) The world outreach of the AMAA will be accomplished as dedicated people plan and give, including their testamentary gifts.



A will is of primary importance for your family, too. You'll do them a favor if you write your will — and keep it up-to-date.

For help in writing or updating your will, write for our free booklet, "37 Things People Know About Wills That Aren't Really So." It is an authoritative and eye-opening publication and it's yours on request. There's no obligation.

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